

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE DRAFT:

**Resolution 17-277 -
URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE SAFE ZONES FOR
HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS**

The PROPOSED CD1 makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends the 8th and 10th WHEREAS clauses to add urban rest stops, navigation centers, and other community-focused projects to the scope of the resolution.
- B. Amends the BE IT RESOLVED and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clauses to add language regarding expediting the renovation of facilities for urban rest stops, navigation centers, and other community-focused projects to the scope of the resolution.
- C. Amends the 9th, 10th, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clauses to clarify that \$18 million was appropriated for FY 2017 and \$5 million was appropriated for FY 2018 for the Community Revitalization Initiative capital improvement project.
- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.



CITY COUNCIL

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HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. **17-277, CD1**

Proposed

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, homelessness in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") continues to be a pervasive problem in spite of efforts by government agencies and private service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City has invested more than \$65 million in initiatives that aim to reduce homelessness on Oahu since the first "sit-lie" ban was adopted in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City and the State of Hawaii, in addition to private and non-profit service agencies, provide services to assist homeless individuals, including temporary sheltering, housing, medical and psychological care, employment counseling, and substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Statewide Homeless Point-in-Time Count estimated that out of a total of 4,959 homeless persons living in the City, 2,324 individuals were unsheltered, an increase of approximately seven percent from last year; and

WHEREAS, homeless individuals may remain unsheltered for a variety of reasons, such as personal preference, lack of shelter space, and an inability or unwillingness to follow shelter rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to traditional homeless sheltering and housing programs might eliminate some of the barriers that prevent certain homeless individuals from seeking assistance; and

WHEREAS, a small, secure parcel of land, or "safe zone," would allow homeless individuals to erect a tent without fear of eviction and provide access to restroom facilities, social services, and security; and

WHEREAS, safe zones or facilities for urban rest stops, navigation centers, and other community-focused projects could also offer a level of stability to homeless individuals, allowing them to address any pressing needs and eventually realize long-term solutions to their homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Council appropriated, \$18 million for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2017 and \$5 million for FY 2018 for the Community Revitalization Initiative capital improvement project, which would allow for "the land acquisition, lease, development and/or



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Community Services, and the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ernest Martin

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 5, 2017

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers